

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the pending claims with the following listing of claims:

1.     **(Original)** A guide assembly for forming a tunnel through a proximal end of a tibia comprising:
  - a brace having a first end and an opposing second end;
  - a template mounted on the first end of the brace, the template being adapted to rest on a lateral or medial facet at a proximal end of the tibia; and
  - a tubular guide sleeve having a proximal end and an opposing distal end, the tubular guide sleeve being adjustably mounted on the second end of the brace such that when the template is disposed on the lateral or medial facet of the tibia, the distal end of the tubular guide sleeve can be selectively biased against a lateral, medial, or anterior side of a proximal end of the tibia.
2.     **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the brace has a substantially U-shaped configuration.
3.     **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the template comprises a base plate having a surface substantially complementary to at least a portion of the lateral or medial facet of the tibia.
4.     **(Currently Amended)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the template comprises a base plate and a projection extending from the base plate, the projection begin being positioned to catch against a posterior side of the tibia when the base plate is mounted on the lateral or medial facet of the tibia.
5.     **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the template comprises a base plate and a projection extending from the base plate, the projection begin positioned to bias against a lateral, medial, or anterior side of the tibia when the base plate is mounted on the lateral or medial facet of the tibia.



6. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the template is adjustably mounted to the brace.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 6, further comprising marking markings formed on the template, the markings defining the position of the template relative to the brace.

8. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of alternative templates each having a different configuration, the template being selected from the plurality of alternative templates.

9. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the tubular guide sleeve has a central longitudinal axis that intersects with the template.

10. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein a plurality of teeth are formed on the distal end of the tubular guide sleeve.

11. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
a tubular drill sleeve slidably disposed within the tubular guide sleeve; and  
a guide wire rotatably disposed within the tubular drill sleeve.

12. **(Original)** A guide assembly for forming a tunnel through a proximal end of a tibia comprising:

a brace having a first end and an opposing second end;

a template mounted on the first end of the brace, the template comprising a base plate being adapted to rest on a lateral or medial facet at the proximal end of the tibia and a projection extending from the base plate, the projection being positioned to bias against a posterior, anterior, lateral, or medial side of the tibia when the base plate is mounted on the lateral or medial facet of the tibia; and

a tubular guide sleeve having a proximal end and an opposing distal end, the tubular guide sleeve being adjustably mounted on the second end of the brace.



13. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein the brace has a substantially U-shaped configuration.

14. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein the base plate has a surface substantially complementary to at least a portion of the lateral or media facet of the tibia.

15. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein the template is adjustably mounted to the brace.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 15, further comprising ~~marking~~ markings formed on the template, the markings defining the position of the template relative to the brace.

17. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 12, further comprising a plurality of alternative templates each having a different configuration, the template being selected from the plurality of alternative templates.

18. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein the tubular guide sleeve has a central longitudinal axis that intersects with the template.

19. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein the tubular guide sleeve has a distal end, a plurality of teeth being formed on the distal end.

20. **(Original)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 12, further comprising:  
a tubular drill sleeve slidably disposed within the tubular guide sleeve; and  
a guide wire rotatably disposed within the tubular drill sleeve.

21.-29. **(Cancelled)**



30. **(New)** A guide assembly for forming a tunnel through an end of a bone, the guide assembly comprising:

a brace having a first end and an opposing second end;

a template mounted on the first end of the brace, the template being adapted to rest on a facet at the end of the bone; and

a tubular guide sleeve having a proximal end and an opposing distal end, the tubular guide sleeve being adjustably mounted on the second end of the brace such that when the template is disposed on the facet of the bone, the distal end of the tubular guide sleeve can be selectively biased against a side of the bone.

31. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 30, wherein the brace has a substantially U-shaped configuration.

32. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 30, wherein the template comprises a base plate having a surface substantially complementary to at least a portion of the facet of the bone.

33. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 30, wherein the template comprises a base plate and a projection extending from the base plate, the projection being positioned to catch against a side of the bone when the base plate is mounted on the facet of the bone.

34. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 30, wherein the template comprises a base plate and a projection extending from the base plate, the projection being positioned to bias against a side of the bone when the base plate is mounted on the facet of the bone.

35. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 30, wherein the template is adjustably mounted to the brace.

36. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 35, further comprising markings formed on the template, the markings defining the position of the template relative to the brace.



37. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 30, further comprising a plurality of alternative templates each having a different configuration, the template being selected from the plurality of alternative templates.

38. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 30, wherein the tubular guide sleeve has a central longitudinal axis that intersects with the template.

39. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 30, wherein a plurality of teeth are formed on the distal end of the tubular guide sleeve.

40. **(New)** A guide assembly as recited in claim 30, further comprising:  
a tubular drill sleeve slidably disposed within the tubular guide sleeve; and  
a guide wire rotatably disposed within the tubular drill sleeve.

41. **(New)** A guide assembly for forming a tunnel through an end of a bone, the guide assembly comprising:

a brace having a first end and an opposing second end;

a template mounted on the first end of the brace, the template comprising a base plate being adapted to rest on a facet at the end of the bone and a projection extending from the base plate, the projection being positioned to bias against a side of the bone when the base plate is mounted on the facet of the bone; and

a tubular guide sleeve having a proximal end and an opposing distal end, the tubular guide sleeve being adjustably mounted on the second end of the brace.